

Law Enforcement (FINAL)

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ITEM 1. Proposed Project

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As shown on the location map (Form B), Amador County is located in the central Sierra Nevada, about one hour's travel time from Sacramento, Stockton, and other urban areas. The El Dorado National Forest is bisected by Highway 88 in Amador County, and provides access to both the El Dorado National Forest, Stanislaus National Forest and Mokelumne Wilderness.

OHV opportunities and use occurs in Amador County as well as the Amador Ranger District of the El Dorado National Forest. The northern border of Amador County in the Sierra Nevada provides the most direct access into portions of El Dorado County, with approximately 30 miles of trails and roads that are part of the Gold Note Off Highway Vehicle Route System. Access to this system from Amador County has a direct impact upon the project area. The southern border of Amador County provides direct access to the Calaveras Ranger District of the Stanislaus National Forest, which includes 530 miles of trails and roads dedicated to OHV use, as well as 330 miles of OSV miles and 152,640 acres of available OSV land.

The Amador County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) has enjoyed a long relationship with the USFS under a Cooperative Patrol Agreement to enforce laws related to trespass, fire permits, resource damage, etc. However, the ACSO is the primary responsible agency for all code violations occurring on private property. With recent budgetary constraints, the ACSO has been unable to fund a full time position within the project area and take full advantage of the Cooperative Agreement. The Deputy assigned to the project area would focus enforcement activities on violations that involve health and safety issues, along with violations that impact the surrounding environment. Patrols will be conducted in the project area, focusing on popular OHV use areas and areas of special concerns or with recurring law enforcement issues, although patrol staff will attempt to visit as many of the routes as possible over the year. The popular OHV use areas include Squaw Ridge, Tiger Creek, Salt Springs, Kirkwood, and Bear River. Due to the remote location and terrain, response times for normal patrol deputies could range from 2-4 hours, depending upon the location of the emergency. The proposed project would allow for regular, scheduled patrol and a much quicker response time for calls for service.

ITEM 2. Project Coverage

Within the Amador County project area, there are approximately 70 miles of dirt roads that are open to all types of motor vehicles (including highway licensed vehicles and OHVs), approximately 11 miles of OHV trails rated for motorcycles, and 14 miles of trails dedicated to 4WD vehicles. There are approximately 45 miles of groomed snow mobile trails and 3,000 acres of land available for OSV use.

The northern border of Amador County also provides the most direct access to approximately 30 miles of trails and roads that are part of the Gold Note Off Highway Vehicle Route System, with access to this system having a direct impact upon the project area. The project area includes portions of the El Dorado National Forest. The El Dorado National Forest provides motor vehicle recreation opportunities on 913 miles of dirt roads which are open to all types of motor vehicles, 89 miles of dirt roads open only to high clearance highway licensed vehicles, 58 miles of high clearance trails, 37 miles of trails open to ATVs and motorcycles, and 115 miles of trails open only to motorcycles. These roads and trail opportunities are used for a variety of recreational purposes, including OHV recreation, sightseeing and driving for pleasure, access to hunting, fishing, or picnicking, and for access for other non-motorized recreation. The USFS also grooms 60 miles of snowmobile trails and allows snow mobile travel across 25,000 acres.

The southern border of Amador County provides direct access to the Calaveras Ranger District of the Stanislaus National Forest, which includes 530 miles of trails and roads dedicated to OHV use, as well as 330 miles of OSV miles and 152,640

acres of available OSV land.

ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols

If grant funding is awarded, it is anticipated that patrols will occur throughout the year. Law enforcement patrols will include one full time deputy, typically assigned to Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. However, the ACSO will strive to have an increased presence during the high use season (generally May through October) and will focus coverage on weekends and holidays. The patrols will be conducted by one full time law enforcement officers (LEO), and may be supplemented by additional patrol personnel during the peak holiday weekends. Patrols will visit open routes as well as closed or restricted areas, and will include summer and winter efforts. Due to the remote location and terrain, response times for normal patrol deputies could range from 2-4 hours, depending upon the location of the emergency. The proposed project would allow for regular, scheduled patrol and a much quicker response time for calls for service.

ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel

Law Enforcement patrols will be conducted by Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) with full law enforcement authority. The project requests funding for one full time deputy, working an estimated 2088 hours during a year. This level of staffing provides for one LEO to be available in the OHV area during the times of increased OHV use in the summer and winter months, anticipated to be highest during extended weekends, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The project also includes an in-kind contribution of a part time Sergeant (25%) which is provided as a matching fund contribution that will afford for supervision, scheduling, and record keeping to satisfy the program performance and financial reporting requirements. The calculation for the part time Sergeant position is based upon the current staffing ratio of patrol deputies to patrol sergeants (4 to 1) for supervision of patrol activities.

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1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:

Sensitive ecological areas include meadows, streams and stream crossings along designated routes, sensitive plant occurrences and sensitive wildlife habitat. The project area is bordered by a designated wilderness area, Mokelumne Wilderness, and OSV and OHV incursions into this area have been reported by the USFS.

2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:

There are approximately 70 miles of dirt roads that are open to all types of motor vehicles (including highway licensed vehicles and OHVs), approximately 11 miles of OHV trails rated for motorcycles, and 14 miles of trails dedicated to 4WD vehicles. There are approximately 45 miles of groomed snow mobile trails and 3,000 acres of land available for OSV use.

These routes are used for a variety of recreational purposes, including OHV recreation, sightseeing and driving for pleasure, access to hunting, fishing, or picnicking, and for access for other non-motorized recreation.

3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

The Amador County Sheriff's Office has formal cooperative agreements with the United States Forest Service for Forest land within Amador County. The agreement identifies how the ACSO will cooperate with the Forest Service, including areas of patrols, shared responsibilities, etc.

The Amador County Sheriff's Office also maintains ongoing, informal agreements for Search and Rescue and Law Enforcement assistance functions with the surrounding counties of Alpine, El Dorado and Calaveras, all of whom maintain OHV/OSV programs.

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4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit? (Please select Yes or No)

☐ Yes

☒ No

Explain

N/A

5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations? (Please select Yes or No)

☒ Yes

☐ No

6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

ACSO Personnel assigned to OHV/OSV areas have all attended POST training. When regular patrols of the project area were occurring in years past, personnel were provided in-house training from certified instructors in ATV and snowmobile use. If the proposed project is implemented, personnel will be trained by certified trainers in OHV use and in cultural and environmental impacts of OHV use.

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7. Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan? (Please select Yes or No)

☒ Yes

☐ No

8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:

The Amador County Sheriff's Office has formal cooperative agreements with the United States Forest Service for Forest land within Amador County. The agreement identifies how the ACSO will cooperate with the Forest Service, including areas of patrols, shared responsibilities, etc.

9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:

We intend to use OHV in-lieu of tax funds as a County 25% match for this grant.

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:

N/A

11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Project Cost Estimate

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APPLICANT NAME :	Amador County Sheriff's Office				
PROJECT TITLE :	Law Enforcement (FINAL)	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	G09-03-50-L01		
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration				
PROJECT DESCRIPTION :	<p>This project will provide the basic level of law enforcement needs of non-maintained county roads that are bordered by both USFS land and private property as well as for the Amador Ranger District of the El Dorado National Forest. The project will include patrols, public contacts and education.</p> <p>As shown on the location map (Form B), Amador County is located in the central Sierra Nevada, about one hour's travel time from Sacramento, Stockton, and other urban areas. The El Dorado National Forest is bisected by Highway 88 in Amador County, and provides access to both the El Dorado National Forest, Stanislaus National Forest and Mokelumne Wilderness.</p> <p>OHV opportunities and use occurs in Amador County as well as the Amador Ranger District of the El Dorado National Forest. The northern border of Amador County in the Sierra Nevada provides the most direct access into portions of El Dorado County, with approximately 30 miles of trails and roads that are part of the Gold Note Off Highway Vehicle Route System. Access to this system from Amador County has a direct impact upon the project area. The southern border of Amador County provides direct access to the Calaveras Ranger District of the Stanislaus National Forest, which includes 530 miles of trails and roads dedicated to OHV use, as well as 330 miles of OSV miles and 152,640 acres of available OSV land.</p> <p>The Amador County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) has enjoyed a long relationship with the USFS under a Cooperative Patrol Agreement to enforce laws related to trespass, fire permits, resource damage, etc. However, the ACSO is the primary responsible agency for all code violations occurring on private property. With recent budgetary constraints, the ACSO has been unable to fund a full time position within the project area and take full advantage of the Cooperative Agreement. The Deputy assigned to the project area would focus enforcement activities on violations that involve health and safety issues, along with violations that impact the surrounding environment. Patrols will be conducted in the project area, focusing on popular OHV use areas and areas of special concerns or with recurring law enforcement issues, although patrol staff will attempt to visit as many of the routes as possible over the year. The popular OHV use areas include Squaw Ridge, Tiger Creek, Salt Springs, Kirkwood, and Bear River. Due to the remote location and terrain, response times for normal patrol deputies could range from 2-4 hours, depending upon the location of the emergency. The proposed project would allow for regular, scheduled patrol and a much quicker response time for calls for service.</p>				

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Sergeant	522.000	72.420	HRS	0.00	37,803.00	37,803.00

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010
Agency: Amador County Sheriff's Office
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2/23/2010

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	Notes : Sergeant at 25% Salary and Benefits						
	Law Enforcement Officers Notes : One full time Deputy Sheriff	2088.000	58.650	HRS	98,461.00	24,000.00	122,461.00
	Total for Staff				98,461.00	61,803.00	160,264.00
2	Contracts						
3	Materials / Supplies						
	Other-Fuel Notes : Rate is charge per gallon as of 09/30/09	195.000	2.880	MISC	562.00	0.00	562.00
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Notes : Lease rate of Vehicle and Maintenance, 4WD	12.000	1230.000	EA	14,760.00	0.00	14,760.00
5	Equipment Purchases						
	Other-In vehicle radio repeater Notes : Purchase and installation of in-vehicle repeater to provide handheld radio coverage in proposed project area.	1.000	2885.000	EA	2,885.00	0.00	2,885.00
6	Others						
	Training Notes : This training provides for 3 employees to attend a POST approved Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructor Course @1280/pp course plus travel and per diem expenses.	1.000	5865.000	EA	5,865.00	0.00	5,865.00
7	Indirect Costs						
	Indirect Costs-Administrative Costs Notes : Indirect costs for the administration of the grant.	1.000	10000.000	EA	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
	Total Program Expenses				132,533.00	61,803.00	194,336.00
	TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES				132,533.00	61,803.00	194,336.00

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010
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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					132,533.00	61,803.00	194,336.00

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010
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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
DIRECT EXPENSES					
Program Expenses					
1	Staff	98,461.00	61,803.00	160,264.00	
2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	562.00	0.00	562.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	14,760.00	0.00	14,760.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	2,885.00	0.00	2,885.00	
6	Others	5,865.00	0.00	5,865.00	
7	Indirect Costs	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	
Total Program Expenses		132,533.00	61,803.00	194,336.00	
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES		132,533.00	61,803.00	194,336.00	
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Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)

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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

- c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- e. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10

ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 8 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.

ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment